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# THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF PETERSFIELD.

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# PETERSFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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THE OLD COLLEGE,  
PETERSFIELD.

July, 1950.

*To the Chairman and Members  
of the Petersfield Rural District Council.*

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1949 on the health and sanitary circumstances of the Rural District of Petersfield.

It is satisfactory to report there has been only one death from infectious disease and, apart from measles, there has been no epidemic.

No case of diphtheria occurred during the year.

It is encouraging to record a slight increase in the percentage of immunised children under school age. But it will need a substantial increase to bring the proportion of immunised pre-school children up to the level recommended by the Medical Research Council.

The general arrangement of this Report has been preserved in order that it should serve also as a guide to the health services available for the district.

I am grateful to Mr. Swan and the members of the staff for their co-operation and assistance in compiling this Report.

*J. Chalmers Parry.*

Medical Officer of Health,  
Petersfield Rural District Council.

## LEGISLATION.

During the year 1949, the following Acts of Public Health significance came into operation :—

1. The Food and Drugs (Milk and Dairies) Act, 1944.
2. The Milk (Special Designations) Act, 1949.
3. The Housing Act, 1949.

The Food and Drugs (Milk and Dairies) Act, 1944, which came into operation on the 1st October, 1949, made the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries directly responsible for the supervision of milk production on the farm, while Local Authorities retained their administrative control of milk distributors and retail dairies.

The Milk (Special Designations) Act, 1949, re-enacted and co-ordinated the provisions of the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1936-46. The regulations, made under this Act, placed a duty on District Councils to issue licences to distributors permitting the use of special designations in relation to milk sold in their district.

The Housing Act, 1949. The passing of this Act was an important stage in the national housing programme. Apart from the removal of reference to the "working classes" in the Housing Act, 1936, this Act provides for monetary "improvement grants" to be made to Local Authorities and private persons in respect of housing accommodation provided or improved by them.

## STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area	...	...	..	56,155 acres.
Rateable Value	...	...	...	£118,494.
Sum represented by a penny rate				£460.
Population	...	...	...	18,000.620.
Number of inhabited houses	...			5,545.

## NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

The District is situated to the extreme east of Hampshire and has a common boundary with the adjoining counties of Sussex and Surrey. The South Downs form a natural barrier between the north and the south, but travel is not unduly restricted on this account as both the main London-Portsmouth road and rail services link Petersfield with the coastal area.

A number of the villages are well known residential resorts and have maintained their character through the years.

A few small factories have been established in the district, and these, together with laundries, garages and a brewery, constitute the only major industries carried on apart from agriculture. Employment is provided chiefly by way of building and allied trades, transport work, shop keeping, clerical work and by professional and personal services. The Engineers Stores Depôt at Liphook provides employment for a great number of men, but most of these are Portsmouth residents and travel daily. Conversely many of the residents in Horndean and Clanfield work at Portsmouth, the chief source of employment being H.M. Dockyard.

## VITAL STATISTICS.

Births.	1949.			1948.		
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
Live Births (Legitimate)	137	151	288	153	144	297
(Illegitimate)	11	11	22	16	17	33
Total Live Births	...		310			330

*Live Birth rate* per 1,000 of the estimated population was 16'6 compared with 16'7 for the whole of England and Wales.



	1949.			1948.		
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
Still Births (Legitimate)	5	4	9	3	1	4
(Illegitimate)	1	—	1	1	1	2
Total Still Births	...		10			6
			—			—

*Still Birth rate* per 1,000 total (live and still) births was 31·2 compared with 23·0 for the whole of England and Wales.

	1949.			1948.		
Deaths.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
From all causes	96	98	194	116	111	227

*Death rate* per 1,000 estimated average population was 10·4 compared with 11·7 for the whole of England and Wales.

#### Maternal Mortality.

From Puerperal Sepsis	...	...	...	Nil
From other Maternal Causes	...	...	...	Nil

*Maternal Mortality rate* per 1,000 total (live and still) births, 0·0.

#### Infant Mortality (deaths under one year).

	1949.			1948.		
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
Legitimate	3	3	6	6	1	7
Illegitimate	1	—	1	—	1	1
			7			8
			—			—

*Infant Mortality rate* per 1,000 live births was 22·5 compared with 32·0 for the whole of England and Wales.

Deaths from—	Total.
Cancer (all ages)	30
Measles (all ages)	1
Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil
Diarrhœa (under two years)	Nil

## Causes of Death.

	MALE.	FEMALE.	TOTAL.
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever ...	—	—	—
2. Cerebro-spinal Fever ...	—	—	—
3. Scarlet Fever ...	—	—	—
4. Whooping Cough ...	—	—	—
5. Diphtheria ...	—	—	—
6. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ...	5	2	7
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis ...	—	—	—
8. Syphilis ...	—	—	—
9. Influenza ...	2	—	2
10. Measles ...	—	1	1
11. Acute Polio-myelitis and Polio-encephalitis ...	—	—	—
12. Acute Infective Encephalitis ...	—	—	—
13. Cancer of Buccal Cavity and Oesophagus	3	2	5
14. Cancer of Stomach ...	1	—	1
15. Cancer of Breast ...	—	3	3
16. Cancer of all other sites ...	11	10	21
17. Diabetes ...	—	—	—
18. Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions ...	11	21	32
19. Heart Disease ...	42	34	76
20. Other Diseases of Circulatory System ...	3	3	6
21. Bronchitis ...	1	1	2
22. Pneumonia ...	2	3	5
23. Other Respiratory Disease ...	—	1	1
24. Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum ...	2	—	2
25. Diarrhœa (under two years) ...	—	—	—
26. Appendicitis ...	—	—	—
27. Other Digestive Diseases ...	1	1	2
28. Nephritis ...	1	1	2
29. Puerperal or Post-abortive Sepsis —	—	—	—
30. Other Maternal Causes ...	—	—	—
31. Premature Birth ...	1	—	1
32. Congenital Malformations, Birth Injury and Infantile Disease ...	2	—	2
33. Suicide ...	—	—	—
34. Road Traffic Accidents ...	1	1	2
35. Other Violent Causes ...	2	3	5
36. All other causes ...	5	11	16
	<u>96</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>194</u>

# ANALYSIS OF THE CAUSES OF DEATH ACCORDING TO AGE.

## AGE GROUPS.

### Causes of Death.

	0-1		1-10		10-20		20-30		30-40		40-50		50-60		60-70		70-80		80-90		90-100		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Influenza ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Measles ...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cancer of Buccal Cavity and Oesophagus and Uterus ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	1	-	-	5
Cancer of Stomach ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cancer of Breast ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Cancer of all other Sites ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	3	1	2	3	5	3	-	1	-	-	21
Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3	2	7	9	-	8	-	32
Heart Disease ...	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	10	2	16	14	13	1	1	1	76
Other Diseases of Circulatory System ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	-	-	6
Bronchitis ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
Pneumonia ...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	5
Other Respiratory Diseases ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Other Digestive Diseases ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Nephritis ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Premature Birth ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Congenital Malformations, Birth Injury and Infantile Disease ...	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Road Traffic Accidents ...	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Other Violent Causes ...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
All other causes ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	4	2	4	-	16
TOTAL	4	3	1	-	1	-	2	1	1	3	4	3	10	6	17	14	37	35	19	28	1	4	194

## **GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.**

### **Ambulance Facilities.**

Transport is available for all cases excluding smallpox, at the Ambulance Station, Heath Road, Petersfield (Telephone Petersfield 781).

The County Ambulance Stations at Alton (Telephone Alton 3161) and Havant (Telephone Havant 620) provide similar facilities.

Arrangements for the removal of small pox cases (suspected or confirmed) are made through the Aldershot Ambulance Station (Telephone Aldershot 299).

### **Laboratory Facilities.**

Bacteriological work is carried out by the Public Health Laboratory at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester (Telephone 3807) and specimens of clinical materials (sputum, swabs, etc.) and samples of water, milk and foodstuffs are sent for bacteriological examination to Dr. R. Mackenzie, Director of the Public Health Laboratory.

The County Laboratory is now closed and samples of water, sewage, milk, etc. for chemical analyses are sent to the City Analyst, Portsmouth (Telephone Portsmouth 5482).

## Nursing in the Home.

The names of District Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors, who practise in the district under the direction of the County Medical Officer, are shown in the following table :—

Names and Addresses of Nurses.	District served.	Names of Health Visitors.
MISS F. A. VICKERS, S.R.N., S.C.M. (Queen's Nurse), Nurse's Cottage, Headley Road, Liphook. (Telephone: Liphook 3179).	Bramshott. Liphook. Conford. Passfield. Hammer.	MISS T. JAMES, S.R.N., S.C.M., R.S.I. Certificate.
MISS K. BAGLEY, S.R.N., S.C.M. (Queen's Nurse), Moss Cottage, Western Road, Liss. (Telephone: Liss 39).	Greatham. Liss. Empshott. Hawkley.	
MISS J. M. BEATON, S.R.N., S.C.M., Nurse's Cottage, Froxfield. (Telephone: Hawkley 43).	Colemore. Priorsdean. Privett. Froxfield. Langrish. Ramsdean.	
MISS E. F. MOORE, S.C.M., The Vicarage, East Meon. (Telephone: East Meon 63).	East Meon.	MRS. C. E. FOSTER, S.R.N., S.C.M., A.R.San.I., R.S.I. Certificate.
MISS B. E. BLOOMFIELD, S.C.M., Jasmine Cottage, Town Lane, Sheet. (Telephone: Petersfield 676).	Stroud. Steep. Sheet. N. Petersfield.	
MISS E. E. HEINS, S.C.M., 2 Petersfield Road, Buriton. (Telephone: Petersfield 628).	S. Petersfield. Buriton.	
MISS R. M. PRIOR, S.R.N., (Queen's Nurse), 126 Lovedean Lane, Lovedean. (Telephone: Horndean 2219). [General Nursing].	Catherington. Clanfield. Hogs Lodge.	MISS F. R. BACK, S.R.N., S.C.M., R.S.I. Certificate.
MRS. L. HAMPSON, S.R.N., S.C.M., The Haven, Green Lane, Clanfield. (Telephone: Horndean 2276). [Midwifery].	Horndean. Lovedean. Blendworth.	MRS. M. FITZGERALD. S.R.N., S.C.M., R.S.I. Certificate.
MRS. E. TAYLOR, S.R.N., S.C.M., 1 Uplands Road, Rowlands Castle. (Telephone: Rowlands Castle 290).	Chalton.	MISS M. E. HUNT, S.R.N., S.C.M., R.S.I. Certificate.
	Rowlands Castle. Redhill. Idsworth. Finchdean.	

## Clinics.

A County Council Health Centre was opened at 1 Ramshill, Petersfield, in March, 1950. The following Clinics are held there :—

*Ophthalmic Clinic ... ..	1st and 3rd Monday afternoons by appointment.
*Orthopædic Remedial Clinic ...	1st Tuesday mornings by appointment.
Ante-natal Clinic ... ..	1st Tuesday afternoons.
Child Welfare Centre ... ..	Wednesday afternoons.
Verminous Cleansing Clinic ...	Friday mornings.
School Clinic ... ..	Friday mornings.
Dental Clinic ... ..	By appointment.

## Child Welfare Centres.

The following Child Welfare Centres in the rural district are open for children under five years of age :—

Centre.	Hall.	Afternoons.
Horndean	Nash Memorial Hall ...	2nd and 4th Tuesdays.
Liphook	Church Room ... ..	1st and 3rd Tuesdays
Liss	Bisherne Hut ... ..	2nd and 4th Fridays.
Rowlands Castle	Parish Hall ... ..	1st and 3rd Fridays.

The following five centres, situated in adjoining districts, are available for children living near the boundaries of the district :—

Centre.	Hall.	Afternoons.
Alton	Assembly Rooms ...	Every Tuesday.
Grayshott	Village Hall ... ..	Every Friday.
Headley	Village Hall ... ..	2nd and 4th Fridays.
Petersfield	Health Centre, 1 Ramshill	Every Wednesday.
Waterlooville	St. George's Hall ...	2nd and 4th Thursdays.



### Ante-natal Clinics.

The following Ante-natal Clinics are held in the district :—

Centre.	Hall.	Day of month when held at 2 p.m.
Liphook	Church Room ... ..	1st and 3rd Thursdays.
Liss	British Legion Hall ...	1st Wednesday.

The following Ante-natal Clinics situated in adjoining districts are also available :—

Centre.	Hall.	Day of month when held at 2 p.m.
Alton	Inwood Cottage Hospital, Out-patient Department ...	Every Thursday.
Havant	County Council Health Centre, Parkway ...	2nd and 4th Mondays.
Petersfield	Health Centre, 1 Ramshill ...	1st Tuesday.

The work of the voluntary helpers, who assist the medical staff at the Welfare Centres and Ante-natal Clinics, is greatly appreciated.

### \*Tuberculosis Clinics.

A Tuberculosis Clinic is held every Thursday from 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. at the County Council Health Centre, Park Way, Havant.

Dr. Butterworth, the Assistant Tuberculosis Officer, is in attendance.

A clinic is also available at the Public Health Department, The Castle, Winchester, every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

### \*Venereal Diseases.

Treatment is available at the following hospitals :—

Guildford—Royal Surrey County Hospital.

Males : 5 to 6.30 p.m., Thursdays.

4.30 to 7 p.m., Fridays.

Females : 4.30 to 7 p.m., Mondays.

Portsmouth—St. Mary's Hospital.

Males : 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Females : 5 to 7 p.m., Mondays.

2 p.m., Wednesdays.

10 a.m., Fridays.

Winchester—Royal Hants County Hospital.

Males : 2.30 p.m., Saturdays.

Females : 2.30 p.m., Tuesdays.

## SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES.

### \*Orthopædic Clinics.

Orthopædic cases, requiring treatment, are referred through the Lord Mayor Treloar's Hospital, Alton, to the following Clinics :—

Alton.      *Surgeon's Clinic*, held at Lord Mayor Treloar Cripples' Hospital, on fourth Tuesdays, odd months, at 10 a.m.

*Minor Clinic*, attended by Surgeon, held at Lord Mayor Treloar Cripples' Hospital, on fourth Saturdays, even months, at 10 a.m.

*Remedial Clinic*, held at Lord Mayor Treloar Cripples' Hospital every Tuesday and Thursday at 1.30 p.m.

Havant.      *Surgeon's Clinic*, held at County Council Health Centre on fourth Tuesdays, even months, at 10 a.m.

*Minor Clinic*, held at County Council Health Centre on second and fourth Wednesdays, odd months, at 10 a.m.

*Remedial Clinic*, held at County Council Health Centre every Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

Petersfield. *Remedial Clinic*, held at County Council Health Centre, 1 Ramshill, first Tuesday at 10 a.m., other Tuesdays at 1.30 p.m.

### \*Ophthalmic Clinics.

Ophthalmic Clinics are held for school and pre-school children at the following places ; attendance by appointment through the County Medical Officer :—

Havant.      County Council Health Centre, Parkway, on first and third Mondays at 9.30 a.m.

Petersfield. County Council Health Centre, 1 Ramshill, on first and third Mondays at 1.30 p.m.

### \*Orthoptic Clinic.

Cases, selected by the School Oculist, are referred to the Portsmouth Eye and Ear Hospital.



### **Ear, Nose and Throat Clinics.**

Cases, referred for specialist advice, are examined at the Portsmouth Eye and Ear Hospital and treatment is carried out either at that Hospital or at Petersfield Hospital.

In the northern part of the area, cases are examined and treatment carried out at the Haslemere Hospital.

### **School Clinic.**

This is held at the County Council Health Centre, 1 Ramshill, Petersfield, on Friday mornings.

The Health Visitor attends every Friday morning till noon ; the Medical Officer is in attendance on the first Friday of the month.

### **Speech Therapy Clinics.**

Cases attend at the County Council Health Centre, Parkway, Havant, on Wednesdays at 9.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. by appointment.

A Clinic is also held at the County Council Health Centre, Trafalgar Street, Winchester, every Monday and Friday at 9.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m., by appointment.

### **Child Guidance Clinics.**

Child Guidance Clinics are held at the following addresses by appointment only :—

Havant. County Council Health Centre, Parkway, on first and third Mondays at 1.30 p.m.

Waterlooville. St. George's Hall, Hambledon Road, every Monday at 10 a.m.

Winchester. County Council Health Centre, Trafalgar Street, at the following times, when necessary :—  
Thursdays at 9.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.  
Fridays at 1.30 p.m.  
Saturdays at 9.30 a.m.

### **Verminous Cleansing Clinics.**

A Cleansing Centre is now available at the County Council Health Centre, 1 Ramshill, Petersfield.

The Clinic is held on Fridays at 9.30 a.m.

A Cleansing Centre is also available at Potash Terrace, Havant, on alternate Fridays at 9.30 a.m.

### **Dental Clinics.**

These are held at the County Council Health Centres at Petersfield and Havant, and at schools and other premises as and when required. A Dental Clinic Trailer is available for use in the area.

*\* These services are the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board.*

## **HOSPITALS.**

### **General.**

There are three general hospitals available for the admission of patients from the district :—

#### **PETERSFIELD GENERAL HOSPITAL.**

The Petersfield Hospital (Telephone 19) has thirty-two beds available for medical, surgical and maternity cases.

It is now administered by a local Committee under the control of the Regional Hospital Board.

#### **THE ROYAL PORTSMOUTH HOSPITAL, PORTSMOUTH.** (Telephone, Portsmouth 2103).

#### **THE ROYAL HAMPSHIRE COUNTY HOSPITAL, WINCHESTER.** (Telephone, Winchester 2345).

### **Heathside Hospital, Petersfield.**

At the end of 1948 Petersfield Isolation Hospital was closed and it was re-named "Heathside Hospital." This institution, which is now under the control of the same committee as the General Hospital, Petersfield, was re-opened on the 1st October, 1949, for the admission of chronic sick patients.

All the chronic sick patients, residing at Waltham House, Droxford, were transferred to Heathside Hospital.

### **Infectious Diseases.**

Since the closure of the Petersfield Infectious Disease Hospital, there is no infectious disease hospital situated in the district.

Any Infectious Disease Hospital is now available for the admission of cases occurring in the district. Patients are generally admitted to Portsmouth Infectious Diseases Hospital, Milton Road (Telephone, Portsmouth 2046), which is under the control of the Regional Hospital Board.

Special arrangements have been made for the admission of children suffering from acute polio-myelitis to Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital, Alton (Telephone 2238).

### Sanatoria.

Sanatoria for patients, who are suffering from Tuberculosis, are provided by the Regional Hospital Board.

### Small Pox.

The Regional Hospital Board makes provision for the treatment of cases of small pox at Crabwood Small Pox Hospital. The County Medical Officer arranges for the admission of the patients.

## PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

### Notifiable Diseases.

Particulars of cases of Infectious Diseases, which occurred during the course of the year, are shown in the following table :—

<i>Diseases.</i>	<i>Total Cases Notified.</i>		<i>Total Deaths.</i>	
	1948	1949	1948	1949
Scarlet Fever ... ..	20	29	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	1	—	—	—
Pneumonia ... ..	6	2	—	1
Erysipelas ... ..	3	1	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ... ..	1	—	—	—
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid) ... ..	1	—	—	—
Acute Polio-myelitis and Polio-encephalitis ... ..	1	—	—	—
Measles ... ..	96	344	—	1
Whooping Cough ... ..	42	46	—	—
TOTALS ... ..	171	422	—	2

An analysis of the total notified cases according to age groups is given below :—

<i>Age Group.</i>	<i>Scarlet Fever.</i>	<i>Measles.</i>	<i>Whooping Cough.</i>	<i>Erysipelas</i>	<i>Pneu- monia.</i>
Under 1 year ...	—	1	3	—	1
1 - 2 years ...	—	24	5	—	—
2 - 3 „ ...	1	49	3	—	—
3 - 4 „ ...	3	43	6	—	—
4 - 5 „ ...	1	29	6	—	—
5 - 10 „ ...	14	176	20	—	—
10 - 15 „ ...	3	12	—	—	—
15 - 20 „ ...	1	2	—	—	—
20 - 35 „ ...	3	6	—	—	1
35 - 45 „ ...	—	1	1	—	—
45 - 65 „ ...	2	1	2	1	—
Over 65 „ ...	1	—	—	—	—

Only certain forms of Pneumonia are notifiable.

The following table shows the number of cases of infectious diseases, notified during the year, and the parishes in which they occurred :—

<i>Parish.</i>	<i>Scarlet Fever.</i>	<i>Measles.</i>	<i>Whooping Cough.</i>	<i>Erysipelas</i>	<i>Pneu- monia.</i>
Bramshott	1	58	—	—	—
Buriton	1	25	15	—	—
Clanfield	6	34	—	—	1
Colemore and Priorsdean	—	—	—	—	—
East Meon	2	4	4	1	1
Froxfield	3	27	4	—	—
Greatham	—	5	—	—	—
Hawkley	1	7	—	—	—
Horndean	9	66	3	—	—
Langrish	1	4	—	—	—
Liss	4	100	19	—	—
Rowlands Castle	—	8	—	—	—
Steep	1	6	1	—	—
TOTALS	29	344	46	1	2

Analysis of Scarlet Fever cases according to Parish and month of notification.

PARISH.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Bramshott ...				1								
Buriton ...							1					
Clanfield ...								1		1	2	2
East Meon ...						2						
Froxfield ...			3									
Hawkey ...					1							
Horndean ...	2			2				3			1	1
Langrish ...						1						
Liss ...					1	1						2
Steep ...							1					
TOTALS	2	—	3	3	2	4	2	4	—	1	3	5

## Vaccination.

In July, 1948 (when the National Health Service Act, 1946 came into operation) the office of public vaccinators ceased to exist and vaccinations are carried out free of charge by any registered medical practitioner who has signified his willingness to accept the scheme.

Parents are advised to have their children vaccinated. The best age for vaccination is about the fourth month.

## Diphtheria Immunisation.

Parents are reminded of the facilities for the immunisation of their children :—

1. By their own doctors.
2. At the Child Welfare Clinics—
  - (a) Within the district—  
Horndean, Liphook, Liss and Rowlands Castle.
  - (b) In adjoining districts—  
Alton, Grayshott, Headley, Petersfield and Waterlooville.
3. At the County Council Immunisation Clinic. This is held at the Town Hall, Petersfield, on the 4th Wednesday morning of each month.

During the year, four hundred and thirty-eight immunisations against diphtheria were carried out.

<i>Immunisation.</i>	<i>Pre-school Children.</i>	<i>School Children.</i>
Primary ...	261	35
Re-inforcing or "Boosters"	7	135
TOTAL ...	268	170

At the end of the year, the percentages of immunised children under the age of fifteen years was 65·7 compared with a corresponding figure of 63·5 for the country as a whole in 1948.

On studying the statistics in further detail, it is interesting to record that the actual percentages of immunised children in the pre-school and school age groups were 45·0 and 76·7 respectively.

It is encouraging to note that there has been an increase of 4·4 per cent in the pre-school group.



### **Diphtheria Immunisation Propaganda.**

The Ministry of Health now recommends that all children should be immunised before their first birthday—preferably at the age of seven or eight months—and that they should receive a “booster” or re-inforcing dose just before entering school and again every four or five years throughout school life.

A recent report by the Medical Research Council states that, unless the proportion of people immunised against diphtheria is kept up to the 75% level, protection against epidemic diphtheria cannot be reasonably assured.

Immunity against diphtheria takes some weeks to develop and only those, who have been inoculated in earlier life, can expect protection at short notice. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance for parents to realize that active immunisation in the first year of life and re-inforcing doses of prophylactic in later years are just as necessary in the *absence* of diphtheria epidemics as in their presence.

### **Scabies.**

Facilities for the treatment of Scabies are available at Havant and Portsmouth Disinfestation Clinics.

Appointments for cases requiring treatment are made through this Department.

Scabies should be regarded as a family infection ; and all members of the same family should present themselves for treatment simultaneously—whether or not they complain of “The Itch” and show evidence of Scabies at the time. Otherwise an early case may escape detection and the parasite may thrive in one member and re-infect the others.

### **Pediculosis.**

Cases of pediculosis (head lice) may be referred for treatment at the Cleansing Clinic, County Council Health Centre, Ramshill, Petersfield, on Friday mornings.

Pediculosis should also be regarded as a family infection ; and, when a child is found to be verminous, all the members of the family should offer themselves for examination. This wise practice would ensure that any undetected case in the same family would receive immediate treatment and that there would be no further spread of infection to others.

## TUBERCULOSIS.

The following table gives the number of cases of Tuberculosis registered in the Rural District at the beginning and end of 1949.

	<i>Respiratory.</i>			<i>Non-Respiratory.</i>		
	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Number on Register at the beginning of the year (1949) ... ..	47	15	62	25	20	45
New additions to the Register during the year ... ..	8	6	14	1	3	4
Removals from the Register during the year ... ..	7	4	11	1	—	1
Number on Register at the end of the year (1949) ... ..	48	17	65	25	23	48

Analysis of new cases and deaths according to age groups :—

<i>Age Period.</i>				<i>New Cases.</i>				<i>Deaths.</i>			
				<i>Respiratory</i>		<i>Non-Respiratory</i>		<i>Respiratory</i>		<i>Non-Respiratory</i>	
				<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>
0 - 1 ... ..				1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 - 5 ... ..				1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 - 15 ... ..				—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—
15 - 25 ... ..				—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 - 35 ... ..				4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35 - 45 ... ..				1	2	—	—	—	1	—	—
45 - 55 ... ..				—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
55 - 65 ... ..				1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
TOTAL ... ..				8	6	1	3	3	1	—	—



Analysis of removals from the Register :—

<i>Removals.</i>	<i>Respiratory.</i>			<i>Non-Respiratory.</i>		
	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>Total.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>Total</i>
Deaths ... ..	3	1	4	—	—	—
Removals from District ...	4	3	7	1	—	1
TOTALS ... ..	7	4	11	1	—	1

The total number of cases on the register on the 31st December, 1949, was one hundred and thirteen.

No action was taken in 1949 under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925 (relating to persons suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis employed in the milk trade), or Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (relating to compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from Tuberculosis).

## Report of the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

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### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

#### Water.

The yields from all sources were sufficient to maintain supplies throughout the year.

The quality of the water from the main sources remained satisfactory.

The Water Undertakers of the rural district are :—

- (a) The Portsmouth Water Company, 26 Commercial Road, Portsmouth, which supplies the parishes of Clanfield, Horndean and Rowlands Castle. The supply is chlorinated.
- (b) The Wey Valley Water Company, Hindhead, Surrey. Negotiations for the transfer of the Council's water undertakings to the Wey Valley Water Company were completed with the making of the Wey Valley Water Order which came into operation on the 24th June, 1949. This Company is now responsible for the supplies in the remaining parishes.

All supplies are chlorinated with the exception of East Meon and Buriton.

A sufficient and satisfactory supply of water to Weston and Buriton has not yet been provided.

The spring, which is used as a local source of supply for Weston Camp and hop-pickers accommodation at Weston, is highly contaminated and a number of the samples taken were unsatisfactory. The supply is heavily chlorinated.

Samples of water from public supplies, examined during the year, were found to be satisfactory. Seventy samples were taken from private supplies, and action was taken in eleven cases where reports indicated that the supplies were unsatisfactory.

## **Drainage and Sewerage.**

The scheme for extending the disposal works at Liss has now been approved by the Ministry of Health.

The schemes for Greatham and an extension to Catherington have also received ministerial approval.

Buriton and East Meon schemes have now been prepared and the Clanfield scheme is in course of preparation.

During the year, the small extensions at Church Road, Steep and at Rowlands Castle to serve Magpie Cottages were completed.

## **Rivers and Streams.**

The main rivers and streams are as follows :—

- (1) The River Wey, which passes through Bramshott Parish, and collects the discharge of water from Waggoners Wells.
- (2) The River Rother, which passes through the parishes of Greatham and Liss.
- (3) The River Meon, which flows through the Parish of East Meon, and passes into Droxford Rural District at West Meon.

The district resolves itself into three separate drainage areas, which are part of the following catchment areas set up under the Land Drainage Act, 1930 :—

### **(a) Arun Catchment Area :—**

Parish of Steep.  
Part of the Parish of Liss.  
Major part of the Parish of Langrish.  
Major part of the Parish of Hawkley.  
Parish of Greatham.  
Part of the Parish of Froxfield.  
Small part of the Parish of East Meon.  
Part of the Parish of Colemore and Priorsdean.  
Northern part of the Parish of Buriton.

### **(b) Thames above Teddington Area :—**

Parish of Bramshott.  
Small part of the Parish of Hawkley.  
Part of the Parish of Colemore and Priorsdean.  
Part of the Parish of Froxfield.  
Small part of the Parish of Liss.

Under the provisions of the River Boards Act, 1948, the drainage area formerly known as the Hampshire Rivers Catchment Area was declared the Hampshire Rivers Board Area by an Order made on the 7th October, 1949.

(c) Hampshire Rivers Board Area :—

Southern part of the Parish of Buriton.

Parish of Clanfield.

Part of the Parish of Froxfield.

Parish of Horndean.

Small part of the Parish of Langrish.

Parish of Rowlands Castle.

Major part of the Parish of East Meon.

**Closet Accommodation.**

Pail closet contents are emptied twice weekly at :—

Liss.

Bramshott.

East Meon.

Buriton.

Langrish.

Froxfield (parts).

Chalton.

Clanfield (parts).

Weston.

During the year a water carriage system was provided to Budd's Orchard, Weston.

**Public Cleansing.**

The County Council is responsible for the cleansing of the roads in the district.

A weekly collection of house refuse is now carried out for the whole of the district.

**Shops.**

No inspection of shops was carried out pursuant to the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934, except where changes occurred either in the tenancy, or in the nature of the business carried on. No complaints of a public health nature were received.

## Camping Sites.

There are two licensed sites in the district, and licences were issued to station and occupy fifty other moveable dwellings. Sixteen applications were refused.

Three huts were removed from Number 1 Evacuation Camp, First Avenue, Horndean. Fourteen huts still remained on the site at the end of the year, three of these were unoccupied.

The small area of land comprising Number 3 Evacuation Camp, will be handed back to the owner when the one remaining hut is removed from the site.

## Sanitation In Rural Schools.

During the year, inspections were carried out of the sanitary accommodation and washing facilities at schools in the rural district.

A meeting of Sanitary Inspectors was held at The Castle, Winchester and, as a result of this, recommendations have been forwarded to the Education Authority for the improvement of conditions.

## INSPECTIONS AND VISITS.

				Totals.
Premises disinfected	...	...	...	24
Premises disinfested (bed bugs)	...	...	...	1
VISITS re : Nuisances	...	..	...	129
„ Keeping of animals	...	...	...	9
„ Offensive accumulations	...	...	...	36
„ Infectious disease	...	...	...	82
„ Insect infestations	...	...	...	21
„ Rodent infestations	...	...	...	5
„ Verminous or dirty premises	...	...	...	9
„ Water supply	...	...	...	161
„ Cesspools	...	...	...	71
„ Overcrowding	...	...	...	7
„ Housing applications	...	...	...	45
„ Unsound food	...	...	...	26
„ Building by-laws	...	...	...	49
„ Houses (Public Health and Housing Acts)	...	...	...	397
„ Rural housing survey	...	...	...	557
„ Works in progress	...	...	...	137

VISITS re :	Moveable dwellings	...	...	311
"	Hop-pickers camps	...	...	27
"	Schools	...	...	72
"	Shops	...	...	34
"	Food preparing premises	...	...	47
"	Cafés	...	...	27
"	Meat Shops	...	...	45
"	Bakehouses	...	...	14
"	Factories and workshops	...	...	20
"	Cowsheds and dairies	...	...	86
"	Slaughterhouses	...	...	43
"	Knackers yards	...	...	9
"	Offensive trades	...	...	7
"	Miscellaneous	...	...	303
"	Drains tested	...	...	98
"	Drains inspected	...	...	75
"	Sewer connections inspected	...	...	4
TOTAL				2988

Samples submitted for laboratory examination :—

Water	...	...	...	119
Milk	...	...	...	58
Ice cream	...	...	...	14
TOTAL				191

### **Eradication of Bed Bugs.**

Only one case of infestation by bed bugs was discovered.

## **HOUSING.**

### **Provision of New Houses.**

The following forty-nine new Council houses and eight Council flats were erected during the course of the year :—

#### **HOUSES—**

1-8 Malthouse Meadows, Bramshott.

13-22 Syers Road, Liss.

2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 Chase Road, Lower Common, Liss.

18, 20, 22, 24 Inwood Road, Lower Common, Liss.

1, 2, 3, 4, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 Merchistoun Road, Horndean.

19, 21, 27, 29, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38 Uplands Road, Rowlands Castle.

## FLATS—

1a, 1b, 3a, 3b, Chase Road, Lower Common, Liss.  
23a, 23b, 25a, 25b Uplands Road, Rowlands Castle.

During the year twenty-three houses were built by private enterprise.

## Summary of work carried out under Public Health and Housing Acts.

1. Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year—
  - (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 181
  - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 213
  - (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head [1] above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ... 46
  - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 49
  - (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... 18
  - (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be, in all respects, reasonably fit for human habitation ... 70
2. Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal notices—
 

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ... 101
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year—
  - (a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936—
    - (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs 5
    - (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices—
      - (a) By owners ... 2
      - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... Nil



(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts—	
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... ..	3
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices—	
(a)	By owners ... ..	4
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owner ... ..	Nil
(c)	Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936—	
(1)	Number of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ...	5
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ...	2
4.	Overcrowding—	
	No action was taken during the year regarding overcrowding.	

### Index of Work.

The undermentioned works were executed after service of Informal or of Statutory Notices :—

Accumulations of manure, etc., removed	...	2
Animals removed from proximity of house	...	1
Ceilings repaired	... ..	40
Ceilings, new, provided	... ..	24
Ceilings cleansed and whitened	... ..	73
Cesspools cleansed and filled in	... ..	1
Cesspools reconstructed	... ..	3
Cesspools provided	... ..	9
Chimney stacks repaired	... ..	14
Chimney stacks repointed	... ..	9
Chimney pots replaced	... ..	4
Choked drains cleared	... ..	8
Coppers provided	... ..	2
Coppers repaired	... ..	3
Damp proof courses provided	... ..	2
Doors and frames renewed	... ..	9
Doors and frames repaired	... ..	13
Down pipes repaired	... ..	7
Drains ventilated and ventpipes repaired	... ..	1
Drains reconstructed	... ..	3



Drains repaired	...	...	...	10
Drains, inspection chamber covers provided	...	...	...	4
Drainage systems provided	...	...	...	18
Dustbins provided	...	...	...	5
Dirty premises cleansed	...	...	...	2
Fire grates repaired or renewed	...	...	...	32
Flushing cisterns repaired	...	...	...	2
Floors repaired or renewed	...	...	...	37
Food stores provided	...	...	...	2
Gullies repaired	...	...	...	4
Gutters repaired or provided	...	...	...	18
Handrails provided to stairs	...	...	...	2
Milk, approaches to cowsheds hardened	...	...	...	2
Milk, cowshed floors repaired	...	...	...	1
Dairies, sterilising facilities provided or improved	...	...	...	1
Pail closets provided	...	...	...	2
Pail closets repaired	...	...	...	5
Pail closets abolished	...	...	...	10
Privies abolished	...	...	...	1
Roofs repaired or renewed	...	...	...	34
Sash cords repaired or renewed	...	...	...	27
Sinks provided or repaired	...	...	...	4
Sink-waste pipes and traps provided or repaired	...	...	...	6
Staircases repaired	...	...	...	8
Walls made damp proof	...	...	...	7
Walls, external, rendered	...	...	...	4
Walls, external, brickwork renewed	...	...	...	3
Walls, external, repointed	...	...	...	4
Walls, internal, plaster repaired	...	...	...	29
Walls, internal, cleansed and decorated (rooms)	...	...	...	85
Water supplies, internal, provided	...	...	...	9
Water closets provided	...	...	...	12
W.C. pans repaired	...	...	...	6
W.C. structures repaired	...	...	...	4
Wells, disused, sealed off	...	...	...	1
Windows reglazed	...	...	...	20
Windows repaired	...	...	...	45
Window sills repaired or renewed	...	...	...	10
Woodwork, internal cleansed and painted (rooms)	...	...	...	16
Woodwork, external, cleansed and painted	...	...	...	4
Yard paving provided	...	...	...	2
Yard paving repaired	...	...	...	1

## **Rural Housing Survey.**

This Survey, which was discontinued in August, 1947, was recommenced in April, 1949. During the year a total of 521 houses were surveyed and these were classified as follows :—

Category 1	...	108
Category 2	...	87
Category 3	...	234
Category 4	...	33
Category 5	...	59
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TOTAL.	...	521
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The information provided by this survey is proving extremely useful in the operation of the Housing Acts.

## **Repair of Houses.**

The shortage of labour and building materials has to a certain extent eased, and this has permitted a greater degree of housing maintenance than has been possible during the last few years. Building control licensing still restricts to a great degree the amount of reconditioning and improvement which may be carried out.

The Housing Act, 1949, provides assistance for private persons who wish to recondition properties, and the Council decided to circulate details of Improvement Grants to all owners whose properties fall in Category 4 of the Rural Housing Survey. It is not yet possible to gauge the effect which this Act will have on the national housing picture.

## **INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.**

### **Milk Supply.**

The Food and Drugs (Milk and Dairies Act) 1944, came into operation on the 1st October, 1949, and transferred the supervision of milk production on farms to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. There were 194 producers entered in this Council's register and details of these entries were passed to the responsible department.

Local Authorities retain their administrative control of milk distributors and retail dairies ; there are eight distributors of milk on this Council's register.

The Milk (Special Designations) Act, 1949, makes the use of a special designation obligatory for the purpose of all sales of milk by retail for human consumption where the place of sale is in a specified area. At present none of the specified areas declared affect this district.

The Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949, made under this Act empower District Councils to issue Dealer's and Supplementary Licences authorising the use of the special designation "Tuberculin Tested" and "Accredited." No further Accredited Licences will be issued after 1952, and the use of this designation will cease in 1954.

The Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949, made the Food and Drugs' Authorities responsible for issuing Pasteuriser's and Steriliser's Licences. District Councils are empowered to issue Dealer's and Supplementary Licences in respect of these designations.

The Hampshire County Council as Food and Drugs' Authority have delegated their functions under these Regulations to the District Councils. There are at present two pasteurising establishments in the district who have applied for licences under these regulations.

Licences issued under the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1936-46. [In force until October, 1949).

Dealer's Bottling Licence to use the designation "Tuberculin Tested" ...	5
Pasteuriser's Licence ...	1
Supplementary Licences to use the designation "Tuberculin Tested" ...	3
Supplementary Licences to use the designation "Pasteurised" ...	4

Licences issued under the Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949.

Dealer's Licence to use the designation "Tuberculin Tested" ...	6
Supplementary Licences to use the designation "Tuberculin Tested" ...	4

Licences issued under the Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949.

Pasteuriser's Licences ...	1
Supplementary Licences to use the designation "Pasteurised" ...	5

## Licensed Premises.

During the year, the Council adopted a set of standards in respect of sanitary accommodation and washing arrangements at licensed premises. This code, for new premises and for alterations to existing premises, was circulated to the brewers concerned, who have agreed to co-operate.

During the year improvements were effected in six cases.

## Meat and other Foods.

The Government slaughter-house is still in operation at Grange Farm, Petersfield. Centralised slaughtering ensures that all meat is inspected. It is hoped that this practice will be continued.

In September, 1949, the Ministry of Food issued a set of Model By-laws under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, for Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food and Sale of Food in the Open Air. The Council resolved to adopt these by-laws for the rural district, and have applied to the Minister for confirmation.

It is felt that the making of these by-laws will be a considerable help in our endeavour to obtain a satisfactory standard in the rural district.

Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, provides for the registration of all premises used for :—

- (a) the sale, or manufacture for the purpose of sale of ice cream, or the storage of ice cream intended for sale ;  
or
- (b) the preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale.

There are thirty entries in this Council's register in respect of ice cream premises and fourteen in respect of preserved food premises.

Details of condemned food :—

		lbs.
Home-killed Beef	...	560
Home-killed Mutton	...	39
Imported Beef	...	567
Offal	...	127
Corned Beef	...	18
Bacon	...	184
Cheese	...	9
Fruit (tinned)	...	2
Fruit (dried)	...	50
Milk (tinned)	...	112
Vegetables (tinned)	...	5
TOTAL	...	1673

## Adulterations.

The Hampshire County Council is the Food and Drugs' Authority and is responsible for the administration of the Sections of the Food and Drugs' Act, 1938, which place restrictions on the addition or abstraction of substances from food and drugs.

I am indebted to Mr. C. O. Perry, Chief Inspector under the Food and Drugs' Act, for the following information on samples taken in the district during the year :—

Article.			Number of Samples taken.
Butter and other Fats	...	...	5
Drugs	...	...	3
Milk	...	...	71
Sausages and other Meat Products	...	...	5
Spirits	...	...	5
Other articles of food	...	...	7
TOTAL			96

The seventy-one milk samples contained an average of 3'95% milk fat and 8'68% non-fatty solids.

Two samples of milk were purchased at Blendworth and certified to contain 14% and 2'1% of added water respectively. Samples taken direct from the cows proved to be satisfactory.

Proceedings were taken and the defendant was ordered to pay a fine of £2 in each case plus £3 10s. 0d. costs.

Three samples of Channel Island Milk were taken at Liphook and found to be substantially below the minimum limit of 4% laid down for Channel Island Milk. Further samples taken from the same producer contained an average of 4'3% of milk fat.

## FACTORIES.

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Inspections for purposes as to health :—

<i>Premises.</i>	<i>Number on Register.</i>	<i>Inspections.</i>	<i>Number of written Notices.</i>
(1) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ... ..	17	13	—
(2) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ... ..	46	17	—
(3) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ... ..	—	—	—
TOTALS ... ..	<u>63</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>—</u>



